

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS
OF DR. LUIS JOSÉ MOREIRA DA
SILVA BARREIROS

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 29, 1999

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, today Boston is experiencing a great loss. It is losing the services and expertise of a man who not only helped to increase civic involvement within our Portuguese community but also played an integral role in its economic and social evolution. Dr. Luis José Moreira da Silva Barreiros' tireless work as the Consul General of Portugal in Boston has enriched this area in so many important ways that his presence will be sorely missed by all who had the pleasure to work with him.

Dr. Barreiros' distinguished work with the Portuguese foreign service began two decades ago and since that time, he has consistently demonstrated his devotion to the development of a strong Portuguese community. Dr. Barreiros has worn many hats during his career, serving first as the Embassy Secretary in Maputo, Mozambique and later with the Advisory Council for Economic and Development affairs to the Portuguese delegation at the United Nations in New York. His economic expertise led him to other key posts with the Institute for Economic Cooperation and the Secretary of State for Economic Cooperation.

Since December 1994, Dr. Barreiros has served as Consul-General in Boston. It is for his work in this post that all of us here are profoundly grateful. The extraordinary relationship that Dr. Barreiros has forged with the Portuguese-American organizations in this area has been remarkable. He has worked with various committees in Boston to increase both Portuguese-American pride and civic engagement.

Dr. Barreiros leaves Boston having changed it for the better, and it is for this reason that all of us here are so sorry to see him go. It is a fitting commemoration of his work here and of the ties he has forged between our two republics that the United States State Department this month extended the ninety day visa waiver program for citizens of Portugal. The people of Portugal will be fortunate to have him back in Lisbon, and we all know that he will flourish in his new assignment. Dr. Barreiros, we wish you nothing but the best, and on behalf of all my constituents, Portuguese-Americans and other Americans whose lives you have touched, I would like to sincerely thank you for all that you have accomplished during your time here. You will be missed.

HONORING RABBI MORRIS SHERER

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 29, 1999

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, today, I am proud to introduce, along with my colleague from New York, Mr. GILMAN, a resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in honor of the extraordinary life and work of Rabbi Morris Sherer. Rabbi

Sherer's tremendous contributions to Judaism, and to this nation, really shine as an example which both deserves honor and emulation.

I had the good fortune and privilege to know Rabbi Sherer, and recall his dedication to the preservation of Judaism in years following Holocaust. He fought for religious liberty, he built educational programs, and always provided guidance to the perplexed. *Torat Emet Hayta b'hiyu*—The Torah was always in his mouth. His leadership helped bring about a rebirth of Orthodox Jewish life, of charitable giving and of learning as the President of the Agudath Israel of America since 1961.

Mr. Speaker, I think Americans of all faiths can learn a great deal from the life of Rabbi Sherer. His commitment to the preservation of the faith and culture of our people, his devotion to education and to helping those least fortunate, his ability to reach out to others to make this a better nation, his record of accomplishment, all make his life and work an inspiration to all. I urge our colleagues to join in honoring the life of this outstanding American.

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Whereas Rabbi Morris Sherer was born in New York City on June 18, 1921;

Whereas upon receiving his rabbinic ordination from Ner Israel Rabbinical College in Baltimore, Maryland, Rabbi Sherer joined the Agudath Israel of America in 1943, devoting his energies to rescue and relief activities on behalf of European Jewry during the Second World War;

Whereas through his work with the Agudath Israel of America, Rabbi Sherer played a major role in the post-World War II renaissance of Orthodox Jewish life in the United States, fusing the talents and energies of native-born Americans with the determination and courage of immigrant Holocaust survivors and refugees to help build Orthodox Jewish communities and institutions across the country;

Whereas Rabbi Sherer worked tirelessly and effectively to safeguard religious liberty in America and throughout the world, to safeguard the rights of Sabbath observers, to assist the beleaguered Jewish communities in lands of oppression across the globe, to address the needs of needy persons of all backgrounds, and to apply the moral and ethical teachings of classical Judaism to issues and problems of modern society; and

Whereas Rabbi Sherer died on May 17, 1998, leaving behind a legacy of extraordinary humanitarian accomplishment: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives—

(1) that Rabbi Morris Sherer should be recognized as one of the outstanding American religious leaders of our time, who played a historic role in the growth and development of the Orthodox Jewish community in the United States; and

(2) that Rabbi Morris Sherer's life of commitment to education, human dignity, religious liberty, and freedom is one which serves as an inspiration to all people and deserves emulation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID L. HOBSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 29, 1999

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I was not present on June 25, 1999 for rollcall vote 256.

Had I had been present, I would have voted "yea."

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO DR. DAVID
B. BAKER FOR HIS OUT-
STANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO
HEIDELBERG COLLEGE

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 29, 1999

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay very special tribute to a truly outstanding individual from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. For more than thirty years, Dr. David B. Baker has made significant contributions to Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio. As he prepares for his retirement from Heidelberg, I felt this was a most appropriate time to recognize him for his efforts.

After graduating from Heidelberg College in 1958, Dr. Baker pursued his master's and doctoral degrees at the University of Michigan. Following a year of post-doctoral study in Germany, Dr. Baker began his distinguished teaching career at Rutgers University. Shortly thereafter, Dr. Baker returned to Heidelberg where, since 1966, he has been a faculty member in the Biology Department.

In a turn that brought international acclaim to him, Heidelberg College, and his research associates, Dr. Baker led the effort that formed the Heidelberg Water Quality Laboratory. Dr. Baker's efforts at the lab have helped with various environmental public policy efforts including evaluating storm run-off, restoration of the once-severely polluted Lake Erie, setting Environmental Protection Agency standards for river compounds, and many more.

As the one and only director of Heidelberg Water Quality Laboratory, Dr. David Baker pushed the lab to its current level of international prominence. Dr. Baker set out to share the lab's work with the public through his numerous speeches, public information programs, and test and research sharing techniques.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. David Baker is a remarkable individual who has given freely of his time and talents to ensure that education and the environment are made better for the future. Through his outstanding service to Heidelberg College, to the Water Quality Laboratory, and to the academia world, Dr. Baker has made a lasting impact that will not soon be forgotten. At this point, I would urge my colleagues of the 106th Congress to stand and join me in special tribute to Dr. David Baker. We extend our congratulations on his retirement and best wishes for the future.

SAN ANTONIO SPURS TAKE THE
RING

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, in San Antonio this past Sunday, more than 230,000 fans lined the banks of the historic River Walk to honor the World Champion San Antonio Spurs. For a city that is the 8th largest in the